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INT. BAKING SCHOOL - MORNING

1 ALICE (V.O.) 1
 "Cookies For Santa."

CLOSE ON a cozy, Christmas cabin... made out of delicious yule log pastries! A hand adds a PEPPERMINT to the roof.

WIDEN to reveal ALICE (in a festive RED AND WHITE CANDY CANE-THEMED OUTFIT) at her baking station, leading HATTIE, FERGIE and ROSA (in their CHEF OUTFITS) in a lesson. DINAH (with a candy cane BOW) nudges a bowl of cranberries towards her.

2 ALICE 2
 And the final touch to our Yule Log Cabins is the cranberry chimney.

Alice adds a sparkly chimney to the side as COOKIE hops onto the counter with a DRAGONFRUIT.

3 COOKIE 3
 Don't forget the Dragonfruit juice.

Alice takes the fruit and squeezes a drop of JUICE on the chimney. POOF! It cutely puffs smoke like a cozy cabin.

4 HATTIE 4
 Bonkers touch, Alice.

5 ALICE 5
 Now, you try.

POOF! POOF! POOF! Hattie, Fergie and Rosa add the juice just like Alice and their cabin chimneys puff smoke, too.

Rosa holds up her cabin and shows it off from all sides.

6 ROSA 6
 It's cozy, Christmasy...

Fergie sniffs his delectable cabin as his bunny nose wiggles.

7 FERGIE 7
 And can't-wait-to-eat-it-delicious!

8 ALICE 8
(giggles)
You don't have to wait to enjoy it.
It's Christmas Eve!

Fergie takes out his WATCH.

9 FERGIE 9
Which means our last baking lesson
of the year is officially...

<CLICK> The hands move one carrot. <BRRRING!>

10 FERGIE (CONT'D) 10
...complete!

The kids remove their chef hats, gathering around Alice.

11 ROSA 11
Thanks for all the baking lessons *
this year, Alice.

12 ALICE 12
I'm always happy to bake with you,
especially during Christmas.

COOKIE now dons her REINDEER ANTLERS as she heads to the door. She waves everyone on with her bookmark.

13 COOKIE 13
And the next best thing to baking
Christmas treats, is eating them!
Let's book it.

Alice, Hattie, Fergie and Rosa scoop up their Yule Log Cabin pastries on trays and follow Cookie and Dinah.

EXT. WONDERLAND BAKERY - MOMENTS LATER

The yard between the bakery and baking school is covered in a blanket of glittery white snow. The kids are now wearing their winter wear, including COATS/CAPEs.

14 FERGIE 14
My brothers and sisters are gonna
hop for joy when they see this.

15 ROSA 15
Ribbitton, too! He'll leapfrog for
joy! I can't wait to show him.

As they head into the cozy bakery...

25 DINAH 25
<SHOCKED MEOW!>

26 HATTIE 26
A cat?!

27 ROSA 27
Or maybe a royal?

Alice heads to one of her cupboards, rummaging through. She emerges holding a vintage CHRISTMAS COOKIE JAR with a SNOWGLOBE LID. Inside the snowglobe is a SANTA FIGURINE.

28 ALICE 28
This is Santa Claus.

She sets it on the counter and the three friends peer inside, mesmerized.

29 HATTIE 29
Whoa. This guy's got a great hat! *

30 ALICE 30
On Christmas Eve, Santa Claus flies in a sleigh and delivers presents to houses all over the world. *

31 COOKIE 31
Oh, oh and don't forget his sleigh is pulled by a team of moose! *
(beat) *
Wait, that's not right. A team of...rhinoceros! No... *

32 ALICE 32
(giggles)
A team of reindeer! *

Dinah proudly prances like a deer in agreement.

33 DINAH 33
<Meow, meow, meow!>

34 ROSA 34
Santa Claus sounds so... *magical*.

Alice swirls the SNOWGLOBE. Shimmery snow flutters all around the SANTA FIGURINE. She points to it with a warm smile.

35 ALICE 35
He is. But best of all, Santa Claus spreads Christmas joy to everyone, everywhere.

The kids gaze into the snowglobe, then look to Alice.

36 FERGIE 36
 (in awe)
Whiskers. Have you ever met him?

37 ALICE 37
No. But I sure do believe in him.

Alice launches into an **ORIGINAL SONG: "YOU JUST GOTTA BELIEVE!"** During the song, we GO INTO THE SNOWGLOBE as Alice dances through a wintry scene and fills in her friends on all the things she knows about Santa, including: writing letters, his list and red suit, the magic of his sleigh, that he goes down the chimney and, as quiet as a dormouse, leaves presents while kids slumber snugly in their beds. This all sounds magical, impossible even!

Curious, Hattie asks how he gets down the chimney, Fergie wants to know if the reindeer eat carrots, Rosa wonders if Santa's cheeks are as red as roses. Cookie wonders if Santa likes to ski when he's not sledding. But everyone wants to know: Will Santa come to *their* houses, too? Alice sings: You just gotta believe! *

As the **SONG ENDS**, we're out of the fantasy sequence and back in the bakery. Alice twirls with excitement.

38 ALICE (CONT'D) 38
So if Santa Claus has never been to
Wonderland, maybe *this* can be the
year! We just have to write him a
letter.

CAM pops out of the yule log cabin and offers a fresh PIECE OF PAPER and FEATHER QUILL to the kids.

39 ROSA 39
What should we write?

40 ALICE 40
Our Christmas wishes.

Fergie hops with excitement, taking the quill.

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| 41 | FERGIE | 41 |
| | Oh, this bunny's got one! | |
| | (scribbling excitedly) | |
| | "Dear Santa, I would really love a | |
| | pocket watch tool kit. Your friend, | * |
| | Fergie. | |
| | (beat) | |
| | P.S. Without jam and butter, | |
| | please." | |

Rosa peers over Fergie's shoulder.

42 ROSA 42
Add a sparkly paint set for me!

Hattie kicks his leg in the air, revealing he's a sock short.

43 HATTIE 43
And new socks for the hatter. The
more bonkers the better!

CAM scurries onto Hattie, pointing emphatically to his hat
and doing a diving motion with his hands.

44 CHAMOMILE 44
<EXCITED SQUEAKS>

Hattie nods enthusiastically.

45 HATTIE 45
Nice! Cam wants a diving board for
his pool.

Beat. Everyone stares at Hattie and Cam, baffled. Fergie adds
it to the list with a shrug.

46 COOKIE 46
Don't forget a new soft kitty bed
for Dinah and a parachute for me.

47 FERGIE 47
And you, Alice?

A beat. Alice smiles.

48 ALICE 48
I just want Santa to come to
Wonderland.

49 ROSA 49
Maybe we should add some
directions. This isn't the easiest
place to find.

Hattie takes the quill and draws a wacky WONDERLAND MAP at *
the bottom of the letter. He holds it up for everyone to see. *

50 HATTIE 50
(writing)
"Down the rabbit hole, make your
first left right after the left on
the right. When you get to 'That
Way,' turn upside-down."

CAM hands Hattie a GREEN ENVELOPE. Hattie slips the letter inside.

51 HATTIE (CONT'D) 51
Now what?

POP! Suddenly a little BOX (similar in style to the cookie box in the 1951 film) appears on the counter.

52 ALICE 52
We'll send this to the North Pole
and hope Santa gets it.

Alice tucks the letter inside, closes the lid and POP! The box disappears and off it goes.

53 FERGIE 53
Ohhh, I'm crossing my paws, ears,
feet, everythiiiiing - whoaaaa!

Fergie twists himself up and falls over.

Alice quickly starts gathering BOWLS, SHAKERS and SPATULAS. With a twinkle in her eye:

54 ALICE 54
There's one more thing we can do to
ensure Santa's arrival.

Hattie eyes the baking tools on the counter.

55 HATTIE 55
Reorganize the kitchen?

56 ALICE 56
Make COOKIES!

Cookie hops to the fridge and pulls out a BOTTLE OF MILK, then sets a CHRISTMAS PLATE next to it on the counter.

57 COOKIE 57
That's right, snickerdoodle! Oh, I
bet Santa loves snickerdoodles!

Alice motions to the plate then pours a glass of milk.

58 ALICE 58
Santa enjoys snacking on cookies
and milk as he makes his Christmas
deliveries.

Dinah nudges Alice's ROLLING PIN with her kitty nose so it rolls across the counter right to her.

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59 ALICE (CONT'D) 59
If we bake the BEST, most
wonderfully Wonderland cookies,
then Santa will surely come.

60 ROSA 60
I heart that idea. Can we leave a
plate of cookies for Santa at the
palace?

61 HATTIE 61
At my house, and Fergie's too!

<BRRRRRING!> Fergie's watch leaps from his pocket.

62 FERGIE 62
Carrot sticks, if Santa arrives
tonight, we'd better hop to it.

Alice grabs her whisk with a fancy twirl.

63 ALICE 63
We just have to figure out what he
likes... because Santa is coming to
Wonderland!

Alice, Fergie, Hattie and Rosa launch into a **CHRISTMAS MEDLEY SONG (Part 1: "Santa's Coming to Wonderland")**. A la "My Favorite Things," they sing about all their ideas for the perfect cookie for Santa. What will he like, and what can they offer Santa that he hasn't already had? Alice encourages everyone to get creative.

INT. BAKING SCHOOL - GREENHOUSE - MOMENTS LATER

In the greenhouse, the gang goes through the whimsical fruits, veggies and spices for inspiration. They toss, juggle and spin ingredients; they decorate a tree with various fruits, hanging them like ornaments; a few plants even LIGHT UP like a shimmering holiday display...

INT. WONDERLAND BAKERY - PANTRY - MOMENTS LATER

They float in the pantry, opening boxes and bags like Christmas presents, tossing ingredients to one another.

Cookie fans her recipe pages, revealing new, sparkly recipes as the kids sing different ideas. ("Figgy Pudding Pinwheels, Bobsled Bon Bons, Crinkle Twinkle Cookies, shortbread with tall sprinkles, twists with topsy-turvy toasted almonds..." the list goes on.)

INT. WONDERLAND BAKERY - MAIN ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

As the **SONG** comes to an interlude, the kids gather around the counter, where piles and bowls of ingredients are set up around them like a festive cooking show.

64 ALICE 64
Let's see what we've got!

65 COOKIE 65
(giddy)
Ohhh, I love unveiling new
recipes!!

Alice motions to Cookie, who flutters open to each new RECIPE PAGE. They shimmer and gleam like foiled Christmas cards.

66 ALICE 66
We'll bake Bonkers Biscotti for
Hattie's house, Peppermint Pine
Trees for Fergie's...

Cookie opens to the final page.

67 ALICE (CONT'D) 67
And at the palace, we'll leave
Santa a plate of Swirly Snowflake
Shortbread with extra tall
sprinkles, snowflakes of coconut,
and a sparkleberry on top for a pop
of red!

68 ROSA 68
Gotta have a pop of red!

Hattie pops up from the counter trying to hold on to a JAR of Topsy-Turvy Toasted Almonds. He bops all around.

69 HATTIE 69
What's next? Cuz these topsy-turvy-
toasty almonds are prancing like
reindeer! Whoaaaaa!

Cookie snaps shut and Alice picks her up.

70 ALICE 70
It's time to BAKE... for Santa! *

The MUSIC picks back up and we launch into **THE BAKING SONG – Christmas Version (Medley Part 2)**. During the song, with OVEN and Cookie's help, the kids whip up, bake and decorate the three kinds of cookies. Tray after tray SPRINGS out of Oven.

They shake wacky sprinkles on the Bonkers Biscotti; assemble Peppermint Pine trees that stand tall with stars on top; cut out beautiful snowflake cookies that shimmer and sparkle with piped decorations and unleash a snowstorm of coconut!

Just as they finish decorating and Oven springs the last tray onto the counter, **THE BAKING SONG FINISHES...**

INT. WONDERLAND BAKERY - MAIN ROOM - LATER THAT DAY

We PAN the counter of three beautiful TRAYS OF COOKIES. The kids marvel at their creations.

71 ALICE 71
(thrilled)
I don't think Santa has seen
anything like *these* before.

Fergie nibbles on a Peppermint Pine Tree.

72 FERGIE 72
 (chewing)
 Or tasted anything!

Rosa and Hattie lean in and inhale the delicious aroma.

73 ROSA 73
Mmmm. Or smelled anything.

74 HATTIE 74
 (laughing/being tickled)
The Bonkers Biscotti - hehe - are
tickling my nose. Hahaha!

Cookie slides the CHRISTMAS PLATES towards the kids. Hattie
and Rosa begin putting cookies on plates.

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| 75 | COOKIE | 75 |
| | Then let's get these plated up! | * |
| | Presentation is an important part | * |
| | of "Ze Cookie Method of Baking." | * |

ANGLE ON THE EMPTY PLATE - Just as Fergie is about to add a Peppermint Pine Tree, a GRIN appears.

76 CHESHIRE CAT/FERGIE 76
Season's grinnings!/Ahh!

77 ALICE 77
Merry Christmas, Cheshire Cat!

CHESHIRE CAT'S HEAD materializes on the plate.

78 CHESHIRE CAT 78
Is it true?! Is this Santa Claus
fellow really coming to Wonderland?

79 ROSA 79
He is! And we're making him
cookies.

Cheshire's full body appears now as he giddily somersaults
mid-air.

80 CHESHIRE CAT 80
Ooohh! Would you help me make some
cookies for Santa, too? I'd be
grinning ear to ear if Santa came
to my tree.

81 HATTIE 81
Aren't you always grinning ear to
ear?

82 CHESHIRE CAT 82
True. But can you help, Alice?

Alice hands Cheshire Cat a SPATULA as the crew resets the
counters with fresh bowls and trays.

83 ALICE 83
Of course. Let's get -

84 JOJO (O.S.) 84
(a la "ho-ho-ho")
Do-do-do! Meerrrrrry Christmas!

Fergie, whose back is turned, throws a tray up in the air
with a CLANG, in utter excitement.

85 FERGIE 85
<GASP> SANTAAAAAAA!!

Alice and the gang turn to see JOJO and MILLY enter (in
Christmas outfits/accessories). Milly holds a WREATH.

86 FERGIE (CONT'D) 86
(recovers)
Oh. Hi, JoJo and Milly.

Milly hangs the wreath on the door of the bakery. BOP flies
in and hammers it on, then lands on Milly's hat.

87 MILLY 87
We were busy decking the halls when
we heard the news!

88 JOJO 88
We heard from Bop, who heard from
Broom Dog, who heard from Cheshire
Cat that Santa is coming!

89 MILLY 89
We'd love to give him a boppin'
Dodo Beach welcome, and wondered...

90 JOJO 90
Can you help us-

91 ALICE 91
- make cookies?

Alice twirls her whisk.

92 JOJO 92
Dodo yes! How'd ya know?

93 ROSA 93
That's what all of us are doing!

94 ALICE 94
And the more friends the merrier. I
love it when my bakery is filled
with friends... and cookies!

95 CHESHIRE CAT 95
Ohh goodie! Now what kind of
cookies does a cool cat like Santa
Claus like?

Alice looks to her friends, with a twinkle in her eye. They smile as we launch into the **CHRISTMAS MEDLEY (PART 3: "SANTA'S COMING TO WONDERLAND REPRISE")**. This time, Cheshire, JoJo and Milly share in the excitement of Santa's imminent arrival and dream up their recipes. What will Santa like?

As Alice and her friends help Cheshire, Milly and JoJo bake, the bakery gets more populated by trays and trays of cookies everywhere. ("Candy cane cookies with cheery cherries, Snowy Doughy Snowballs, snickersnacker doodles, even cinnamon sleighs that fly...").

As the **MEDLEY COMES TO AN END**, trays of cookies cover the counters of the bakery.

Milly, JoJo and Bop squeeze Alice in a big, grateful hug.

96 MILLIE 96
Thanks, Alice. You've helped us
tinker up some top-notch treats.

JoJo, Milly and Bop wave as they exit.

97 JOJO 97
Merry Christmas to all!

Cheshire floats, curling up like a cozy cat, his plate of cookies in hand. He fades away.

98 CHESHIRE CAT 98
And to all a good night.

Fergie's watch <BRRRRRINGS!>

99 FERGIE 99
Oh dear! Bedtime is hoppin' up
fast. We gotta change into our
jammies and get snug in our beds!

100 COOKIE 100
So visions of sugar plums can dance
in your heads!

Hattie cartwheels to the bakery window and pushes it open. Dinah follows him, observing. It's now dark and snow is falling outside. Hattie cups his ear.

101 HATTIE 101
No sound of jingle bells yet. Or
reindeer hooves. Or "ho ho ho!"

102 DINAH 102
<AGREEING MEOW>

Everyone turns to Alice, who smiles, full of anticipation. She lifts up two PLATES of beautiful cookies.

103 ALICE 103
Then it's time to get our cookies
set up for Santa!

WIPE TO:

INT. HATTIE'S KITCHEN - EVENING

CLOSE ON the plate of Bonkers Biscotti as it comes into frame.

WIDE - Hattie is in his pajamas, setting the table with Alice, Fergie and Rosa, Cookie and Dinah.

104 ROSA 104
Now all you need is the milk.

A playful smirk creeps onto Hattie's face.

105 HATTIE 105

Daaaaaad!

DAD HATTER enters, pushing in a GIANT GLASS OF MILK.

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| 106 | DAD HATTER | 106 |
| | Got a glass perfect for dunking! | |
| | Let's test it out. | |

Hattie throws Dad Hatter a Bonkers Biscotti as he gets a running start. He catches it, then cannonballs *into* the glass of milk!

107 DAD HATTER (CONT'D) 107
Cannonbaaaaaaall!

Fergie dives out of the splash zone, as Alice and Rosa laugh.

108 ALICE/FERGIE/ROSA 108
<LAUGHS>/ Whooooaaaa! Watch the
fur!/Nice dunk!

109 ALICE 109
 (laughs)
 I'm pretty sure Santa has never
 dunked his cookies in milk quite
 like *that*.

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110                DAD HATTER                                110
                It's the hatter way! Time to
                haberdash to bed.

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Hattie stretches and <YAWNS>, then crawls under the kitchen table, where we see his SLEEPING BAG is laid out. Cam is there, too, and pops out of the yule log cabin.

Fergie peers under the table, confused.

FERGIE

Uh, Hattie? What are you doing?

112 HATTIE 112
Cam and I are camping out to get a
glimpse of Santa.

CAM pulls out tiny BINOCULARS, scanning the room.

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113          CHAMOMILE
          <AGREEING SQUEAK>
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114 DAD HATTER 114
If you get a chance, ask him about
his hat. Is it velvet? Velveteen?
I've gotta know!

Alice kneels down and smiles.

115 ALICE 115
Listen for the sound of jingle
bells. Good luck!

As the kids leave, and Dad Hatter turns off the lights, we
see Hattie's eyelids grow heavy as he and Cam doze off...

116 HATTIE/CAM 116
<SNORING>

INT. FERGIE'S HOUSE - EVENING

Alice and Rosa arrange the plate of Peppermint Pine Trees and
milk on a little table next to Fergie's fireplace.

117 ALICE 117
There. Right next to the chimney so
Santa sees it.

118 FERGIE (O.S.) 118
Carrots comin' through!

REVEAL FERGIE (now in pjs) pushing a LARGE BASKET of CARROTS.

119 ROSA 119
(giggles)
Do you really need that many
carrots for your bedtime snack,
Fergie?

Fergie sets some carrots on a plate next to Santa's cookies.

120 FERGIE 120
They're not for me. They're for
Santa's reindeer.
(beat)
But maybe I can have just one.

Fergie takes a bite of a carrot with a <CRUNCH> just as STEW
enters with the TWIN BUNNIES in his arms.

121 STEW 121
Time for beddy-byes, bunnies!
(aside to Alice and Rosa)
I'll make sure Fergie doesn't eat
all the carrots.

Fergie hops towards the stairs, <THUMPING> with excitement.

122 FERGIE 122
 Ohhhh I can't wait!

123 ALICE 123
 Just listen for the pitter patter
 of reindeer hooves on your roof.

Fergie wiggles his ears in his night cap.

124 FERGIE 124
 My bunny ears are ready!

Alice and Rosa wave goodnight to Fergie.

WIPE TO:

INT. HEARTS PALACE - PARLOR - EVENING/NIGHT

CLOSE ON DINAH as she pops out of a STOCKING that Alice adds to the fireplace with Rosa.

125 DINAH 125
 <HAPPY MEOW!>

Nearby, the QUEEN (in pjs) sits in a chair next to a royal CHRISTMAS TREE, with a puzzled look.

126 QUEEN OF HEARTS 126
 So he wears a red suit?

127 ALICE 127
 Yep!

128 QUEEN OF HEARTS 128
 A red hat?

129 ROSA 129
 Red as a rose!

130 QUEEN OF HEARTS 130
 I like that. But his beard is...
 white?

Rosa and Alice look at one another, afraid to answer. A beat. The Queen smiles and throws her arms up in the air.

131 QUEEN OF HEARTS (CONT'D) 131
 Oh well, nobody's perfect!

The girls stand back and take in the finished fireplace with stockings for everyone. Cookie pops out of one.

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| 132 | COOKIE | 132 |
| | Stockings are hung! | |

THE KING OF HEARTS enters with a GLASS OF MILK and sets it by the PLATE OF SNOWFLAKE COOKIES next to the fireplace.

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| 133 | KING OF HEARTS | 133 |
| | And the cookies are set with a cold glass of milk. | |
| | (writing) | |
| | "Dear Santa, Feliz navidad! From our hearts to yours." | |

The King sets a NOTE by the plate, then puts on a SALSA RECORD on the FLOWER PHONOGRAPH. He starts to dance.

[illegible]

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| 135 | KING OF HEARTS | 135 |
| | Santa! Who doesn't like a little salsa with their snacks? | |

The King twirls Rosa and Alice in a little dance as the Queen, Cookie and Dinah look on.

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| 136 | QUEEN OF HEARTS | 136 |
| | Ohhh, my heart is racing! How will | |
| | we know when Santa's here? | |

137 ALICE 137
Listen out for a "ho ho ho!"

138 QUEEN OF HEARTS 138
 (giddy)
 Ooo! We'd better get to bed!

As the King and Queen exit, Alice turns to Rosa, Cookie and Dinah. She takes a deep breath.

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| 139 | ALICE | 139 |
| | <DEEP BREATH> This is it. Santa | |
| | should be on his way. | |

Alice runs over to the plate of cookies and positions them perfectly. She looks up with a smile.

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| 140 | ALICE (CONT'D) | 140 |
| | Wonderland is ready for you, Santa. | |

Alice eyes the cookies one last time as they click off the lights leaving the parlor in the soft glow of the Christmas tree.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. HEARTS PALACE - THE NEXT MORNING

The sun rises over the snow-covered palace.

INT. ROSA'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Rosa and Alice, who's snuggled with Dinah, are sound asleep in their SLEEPING BAGS. Cookie is asleep on a shelf. Suddenly, the QUEEN (in pjs) and JABBIE burst in.

141 JABBIE 141
<SQUAWKS and BARKS>

142 QUEEN OF HEARTS 142
IT'S CHRISTMAAAAAAS!!!! Wake up!
Let's see what Santa brought us!

Cookie falls off the shelf.

143 COOKIE 143
I'm up! <OOF> And I'm down.

Alice and Rosa pop up and look at one another, giddy.

144 ALICE/ROSA 144
Eeeeeeeee!!!!

INT. PARLOR - MOMENTS LATER

Alice, Rosa, the Queen, Cookie and Dinah run into the parlor...

145 ROSA 145
(to Alice)
My heart is all aflutter -

...when they stop in their tracks.

146 ALICE 146
What in Wonderland?

REVERSE TO REVEAL - No presents under the tree. Empty stockings.

147 QUEEN OF HEARTS 147
Great spades, diamonds, clubs and
hearts! Where are the presents?
The King, who is already there, paces, looking around.

148 KING OF HEARTS 148
Nowhere to be found!
Rosa runs to inspect the stockings with Dinah.

149 KING OF HEARTS (CONT'D) 149
I'm afraid there's nothing in the
stockings either, mijita.
Cookie hops up to the (unlit) fireplace, shouting upward.

150 COOKIE 150
Maybe the presents got stuck in the
chimney. Hellooooo?! Santa?
Cookie plops down, now covered in soot. Dinah licks her.

151 DINAH 151
<SAD MEOW>
Alice takes in the scene, confused.

152 ALICE 152
How curious. I don't- <GASP>
Alice notices something.

153 ALICE (CONT'D) 153
Oh crumbs. The cookies. They're-
Her POV - The cookies and milk are completely untouched.

154 KING OF HEARTS 154
Completely untouched. Not even a
little nibble.
The Queen collapses on the couch, hand to her forehead.

155 QUEEN OF HEARTS 155
Santa didn't come to Wonderland!
Ohhhhh!
Alice inspects the cookies. She doesn't want to give up.

156 ALICE 156
I'm *sure* he did, just maybe not
here. C'mon.

Alice scoops up Dinah and exits swiftly followed by Cookie and Rosa.

WIPE TO:

INT. FERGIE'S HOUSE - DAY

CLOSE ON THE PLATE OF UNTOUCHED COOKIES on Fergie's table.
(Note: Alice and Rosa are in their Christmas dresses).

157 ROSA 157
Looks like Santa didn't make it
here either.

Alice holds up a Peppermint Pine Tree, inspecting it.

158 ALICE 158
But the stockings were hung. The
milk was cold. These Peppermint
Pine Trees were perfect...

Fergie (still in pjs) hops over from his Christmas tree (sans presents), noticing an EMPTY PLATE next to the cookies on the table. He holds up the EMPTY CARROT BASKET.

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| 159 | FERGIE | 159 |
| | Look! The carrots are gone! That means the reindeer must have been here! | |

160 STEW (O.S.) 160
About that. Hehe.

The kids turn to see Stew enter holding a CARROT TOP, with a sheepish shrug.

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| 161 | STEW (CONT'D) | 161 |
| | <i>I ate the carrots after you fell</i> | |
| | <i>asleep, Fergie. Can't resist a good</i> | |
| | <i>carrot. Especially on Christmas!</i> | |

Alice, Fergie and Rosa deflate just as Hattie bursts in (in pjs) with Cam (also in pjs) on his hat.

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| 162 | HATTIE | 162 |
| | Cam fell asleep and we didn't see | |
| | Santa!!! | |

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163                                CHAMOMILE                                163
                                <SQUEAK!>
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164 HATTIE 164
Okay, I fell asleep too, but -

Hattie see his friends' forlorn faces.

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| 165 | HATTIE (CONT'D) | 165 |
| | No Santa here, either? | |
| 166 | ROSA | 166 |
| | Not even the palace. | |
| 167 | FERGIE | 167 |
| | Maybe Wonderland is just too hard for Santa to find - | |
| 168 | ALICE | 168 |
| | The thing about Santa is you gotta believe. And I still believe he came to Wonderland. Follow me! | |

Alice rushes out followed by the kids, Cookie and Dinah.

EXT. TULGEY WOOD - A LITTLE LATER

The woods are snow-covered as Cheshire Cat's TREE glows like a Christmas display, covered with twinkling CAMPFIREFLIES.

Alice runs towards it, looking around urgently. (The kids are now in their winter coats.)

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| 169 | ALICE | 169 |
| | Cheshire Cat? | |

Cheshire's head appears like an ornament on the tree.

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| 170 | CHESHIRE CAT | 170 |
| | Merry Christmas, Alice. | * |

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| 171 | ALICE | 171 |
| | Did Santa come to your tree? Was there any sign of him? | * |

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| 172 | CHESHIRE CAT | 172 |
| | Hmm. T'was a curious night indeed. | |

Cheshire reenacts his tale with a theatrical flair, snuggling on a branch next to a MIRROR BIRD, PENCIL BIRD and HAMMER BIRD. He tips his ears on and off as he talks:

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| 173 | CHESHIRE CAT (CONT'D) | 173 |
| | <i>The birds in their nests and I in my cap, had just settled in for a long kitty nap.</i> | |

He suddenly springs up with a somersault towards the gang.

174 CHESHIRE CAT (CONT'D) 174
*When out on my tree there arose
such a clatter, I sprang from my
branch to see what was the matter!*

Cheshire fades to just his eyes.

175 CHESHIRE CAT (CONT'D) 175
*When, what to my wondering eyes
should appear...*

The kids are rapt. Hopeful.

Then Cheshire points to a noisy pair of CYMBAL FROGS who hop by with a <CLANG and CLATTER>.

176 CHESHIRE CAT (CONT'D) 176
(matter of fact)
Two tiny cymbal frogs. No Santa.

Cheshire swoops down to Alice and poofs around the kids.

177 CHESHIRE 177
I thought Santa was here, there and
everywhere, but he's everywhere *but*
here. *

Alice paces, determined. Wheels turning, but losing hope.

178 ALICE 178
We did everything right. We wrote a
letter, set out milk and cookies... *

Alice's eyes widen with realization as she eyes the plate of untouched CRESCENT COOKIES at Cheshire's tree.

179 ALICE (CONT'D) 179
The *cookies* must have been all
wrong. Maybe Santa doesn't like
peppermint. Or he prefers tallbread
over shortbread. Or maybe I didn't
use enough swirly cinnamon!

Alice sits on a LOG, heartbroken. Rosa, Hattie and Fergie gather around her.

180 ROSA 180
Santa may not have come to
Wonderland, but we still had a
wonderful time baking with you.

181 HATTIE 181
Yeah, I've never had a more bonkers
time making a biscotti.

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| 182 | FERGIE | 182 |
| | And like you said, the more the | * |
| | merrier at Christmas. | |

Cheshire fades to his grin next to Alice.

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| 183 | CHESHIRE CAT | 183 |
| | I had a grin-worthy time, too. | |
| | Isn't that what really matters? | |

Rosa reaches for the plate of Cheshire's cookies, offering them to Alice.

184 ROSA 184

Why don't we enjoy the cookies?

They're some of your best recipes.

Alice smiles warmly, but she still can't shake it. She stands, heartbroken.

[illegible]

Sadly, Alice picks up Dinah and heads down the snowy path. Cheshire fades away, and her friends look after her.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. WONDERLAND BAKERY - LATER/EVENING

Alice (with Dinah) comes down the path; the wintry bakery framed between the large, snowy leaves.

In the soft glow of the window, we see the Yule-Log Cabin spouting swirly smoke from the chimney. Alice notices it as she approaches. She sighs.

186 ALICE 186
 (sotto)
Santa didn't see it after all.

187 DINAH 187
 <SYMPATHETIC NUZZLE>

Alice turns and walks to the door. When she pushes it open...

...a PILE OF PRESENTS spills out.

188 ALICE 188
What in Wonderland?

INT. WONDERLAND BAKERY - CONTINUOUS

Alice steps inside and sees an enormous RED BAG.

189 SANTA CLAUS (O.S.) 189
Ho ho ho!

From behind the bag, we reveal SANTA CLAUS!

190 ALICE 190
<GASP>

Santa notices Alice, pleasantly surprised. He approaches her with open arms, and that kind, gentle recognition.

191 SANTA CLAUS 191
Alice! I am very sorry I'm late,
and for such an important date.

Fergie, Hattie, Rosa and Cookie enter. Fergie's mouth drops agape.

192 ALICE 192
Santa, you...came!

OVEN <TOOTS> his whistle, punctuating everyone's surprise.

193 SANTA CLAUS 193
I always do. Although I must say
I've never had to fly my sleigh
down a rabbit hole before. But I
did follow your directions.

Santa pulls their LETTER from his pocket. We recognize the bright green stationary.

The kids exchange looks of awe.

194 SANTA CLAUS (CONT'D) 194
I took a right at "That Way" but
then my reindeer got turned around
when we went "This Way."
(laughs)
Up is down in Wonderland I suppose!

Santa dangles his COMPASS, which spins wildly. Hattie leans in to check it out.

195 HATTIE 195
Whoa. That's bananas.

196 SANTA CLAUS 196
Indeed, Hattie.

Hattie's eyes widen - Santa knows his name?!

197 ALICE 197
But Santa, how did you find your
way here? To the bakery?

Santa paces, recounting his journey with careful examination.

198 SANTA CLAUS 198
Hmm. I think I flew over your
house, Fergie. And Princess Rosa, *
you'll have to extend my apologies
to your mother for missing the
palace, but there was this
delicious aroma that I just had to
follow...

Santa puts a finger to his nose. He sniffs the air
enthusiastically.

199 SANTA CLAUS (CONT'D) 199
Peppermint, chocolate, figs and
cinnamon - and some spices I can't
even name - led me to your bakery.

Rosa steps up to Alice and puts a hand on her shoulder.

200 ROSA 200
It was your cookies, Alice. They
brought Santa to Wonderland!

201 ALICE 201
(realizing, thrilled)
They did. They really did!

Santa rubs his hands together, hungrily.

202 SANTA CLAUS 202
Are they around here somewhere? I'd
love to taste them.

Alice beams and grabs Santa's hand as they head outside.

203 ALICE 203
They're waiting for you all over
Wonderland! Would you like a tour?

204 SANTA CLAUS 204
As long as my friends can come
along.

Santa winks and as they exit the bakery...

EXT. WONDERLAND BAKERY - CONTINUOUS

...Santa does a <TAXI WHISTLE>. They hear... <JINGLE BELLS>, the <PITTER PATT> of reindeer hooves.

205 COOKIE 205
Sweet peppermint patties. D'ya hear
that jingling?

206 FERGIE 206
And reindeer paws!

207 SANTA CLAUS 207
HO, HO, HO!

Santa's SLEIGH floats down with a fleet of REINDEER.

208 ALICE/ROSA/HATTIE/COOKIE/DINAH 208
<GASP>/Santa's sleigh!/Jumpin'
jelly!/Oh my pages!/<ME-OW!>

Fergie runs to give a reindeer a hug... and a CARROT.

209 FERGIE 209
They're even cuter than I imagined!

210 SANTA CLAUS 210
Hop in! You, too, Cookie and Dinah.

211 COOKIE/DINAH 211
You don't have to tell me
twice!/<MEOW!>

Alice, the kids, Cookie and Dinah all pile in Santa's sleigh,
which is now loaded with his big RED BAG.

The sleigh flies off across the starry sky as the kids are
swept away. They fly past some surprised UMBRELLA BIRDS and
the smiling MOON.

212 ALICE/FERGIE/HATTIE/ROSA/COOKIE/DINAH/ 212
SANTA CLAUS
Woohoo!/Whooooaaa!/Bonkers!/Aces!/
Hold onto your bookmark!/
<Meeeeow!>/ <LAUGHS>

INT. HATTIE'S HOUSE - EVENING

Hattie holds up the plate of Bonkers Biscotti. Everyone
gathers around, including Dad Hatter, as Santa takes a bite.

213 HATTIE 213
Presenting Bonkers Biscotti, sure
to knock your Christmas socks off.

214 SANTA CLAUS 214
Mmm. Crunchy. Yet chewy. Salty, but
sweet. It's wild! I feel like doing
a cartwheel. Woohoo!

Santa does a cartwheel!

215 DAD HATTER 215
Don't forget to dunk!

Dad Hatter pushes the HUGE GLASS OF MILK OVER. Santa dunks
his biscotti and eats it.

216 SANTA CLAUS 216
Now *that* I've never seen! Ho, ho,
ho! What ever could be next?

INT. FERGIE'S HOUSE - EVENING

Fergie presents the plate of Peppermint Pine Trees. Santa
chews.

217 SANTA CLAUS 217
Mmmm! Absolutely incredible. It's
like a forest of flavor!

Fergie hops for joy, leaning into Alice.

218 FERGIE 218
I think the Peppermint Pine trees
are a hit!

EXT. TULGEY WOOD - CHESHIRE'S TREE - EVENING

Santa samples three cookies from a line of plates held by
JoJo and Milly. A third plate FLOATS mid-air.

219 SANTA CLAUS 219
Buttery. Figgy. Love the ube.
That's got a great snap to it! And
those cherries make me cheery.

Grinning Cheshire Cat appears holding the floating plate.

220 CHESHIRE CAT 220
Cheery as a Cheshire Cat.

INT. PALACE - PARLOR - NIGHT

Santa samples the beautiful, shimmery SNOWFLAKE COOKIES. The Queen and King watch in anticipation with huge, comical grins.

221 SANTA CLAUS 221

This snowflake shortbread is
magical! The coconut really comes
through... and down! <LAUGHS> Ho,
ho, ho!

Sparkly SNOWFLAKES flutter around Santa for a moment as he eats the cookie, then they magically vanish with his last bite. He takes a sip of milk and dabs his lips with a NAPKIN.

Alice clasps her hands together, full of hope.

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222                ALICE                                222
                (hopeful)
                So... did you like all the cookies,
                Santa?

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223                SANTA CLAUS                                223
                Alice, the cookies I've had in
                Wonderland are by far the BEST
                cookies I've ever tasted.

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Alice and her friends embrace in celebration.

224 ALICE/FERGIE/HATTIE/ROSA/COOKIE/DINAH/ 224
 QUEEN OF HEARTS/KING OF HEARTS
 Goodness!/Whiskers!/Hats off!/Oh my
 heart!/I knew it!/<MEOW!>/
 Fabuloso!/Excelente!

Santa pats his belly, satisfied.

225 SANTA CLAUS 225
And now I have something for all of
you.

Santa reaches for his BAG and reveals presents for the King and Queen, who jumps in line first.

226 QUEEN OF HEARTS 226
Oh please, Santa! Me, me, me!

227 SANTA CLAUS 227
(laughs)
Your Majesty.

Santa presents her with a VASE OF RED ROSES, and a Christmas CAPE for the King.

228 QUEEN OF HEARTS 228
Ohh, red roses are the way to a
Queen's heart!

229 KING OF HEARTS 229
You know us so well. Gracias,
Santa.

Santa turns to Fergie, Hattie, Rosa and Cookie next.

230 SANTA CLAUS 230
I also know that Cookie needed a
parachute. Pickle-anything for
Cheshire Cat...

Cheshire appears just as Santa pulls out a PICKLE ORNAMENT.
He hugs it.

231 CHESHIRE CAT 231
Pickle-everything! Thanks, Santa.

232 SANTA CLAUS 232
Hattie asked for socks. Rosa, a
paint set, Dinah, a bed, and
Fergie, your pocket watch kit. No
jam and butter, as requested.

The kids open their presents, amazed. As Hattie holds up his
new SOCKS, his hat suddenly SPRINGS up with an O.S. <SPLASH>.

233 HATTIE 233
Sounds like Cam got his new diving
board, too!

234 FERGIE 234
What'd you get, Alice?

Everyone turns to Alice. Santa reaches deep into his bag.

235 SANTA CLAUS 235
For Alice... it's something old.
But I've given it a touch of
Christmas magic again.

Santa reveals Alice's vintage SNOWGLOBE COOKIE JAR. But
instead of just a Santa figurine inside, it also features
figurines of Alice, Hattie, Fergie and Rosa. Santa winds it
up and the figurines spin around in the falling snow. It
plays a beautiful <TUNE>.

236 ALICE 236
It's beautiful. Thank you, Santa.

Alice clutches the snowglobe close, beaming.

237 SANTA CLAUS 237
You're welcome. But *I'm* the one who
should be thanking you.

238 ALICE 238
Me? But I didn't give anyone
presents.

Santa points to the figurines inside the snowglobe.

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| 239 | SANTA CLAUS | 239 |
| | You gave them something more. By inviting all your friends to make cookies, you brought them the joy of Christmas through your baking. Even when I didn't arrive, that joy remained. And there's no better gift than that. | |

Alice's friends gather around her, nodding.

240 ROSA 240
It's true. Our hearts are full
because of you, Alice.

241 ALICE 241
(smiles)
There's nothing I love more than
baking with my friends. It really
is the best Christmas gift of all.

Alice turns to Santa as they embrace sweetly.

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| 242 | ALICE (CONT'D) | 242 |
| | Merry Christmas, Santa. Thank you | |
| | for coming all the way to | |
| | Wonderland. | |

243 HATTIE 243
Will you be back next year?

Santa turns to Alice and smiles with a wink.

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| 244 | SANTA CLAUS | 244 |
| | Will you have cookies? | |

Alice grins as everyone samples the cookies and holds up their gifts. Cookie parachutes by as we...

FADE OUT.